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25X1 1. On 20 August 1953, [REDACTED] 800 meters of
 trackage were still missing for the spur track branching off at Prienerwald.
 The railroad bridge over the Leckenitz River was under construction.¹

25X1 2. The preliminary designs for the enlargement of the Fuerstenberg railroad station were
 being worked on. These designs were to be completed by 30 September.

25X1 3. The preliminary designs for the construction of the Wildpark-Michendorf railroad
 station were submitted to the Berlin regional railroad headquarters on 10 August.²

25X1 4. On 25 August, [REDACTED] excavation work on the Hennigsdorf-Brieselang
 railroad line section was completed. Preparations were being made to continue
 construction work on the Brieselang-Wustermark line section. Another 8,500,000
 eastmarks have been allotted for the further improvement of the Nordring Berlin.³

25X1 5. In mid-August, [REDACTED] the Falkenberg-Cottbus railroad line is operated
 double-track.⁴

25X1 6. In mid-August, [REDACTED] the single-track Berlin-Brandenburg-Lathenow
 line was being reinforced to an axle pressure of 20 tons and a maximum speed of
 80 km per hour. New passing sidings have been constructed near Luette, Golow
 and Krane. Curves near Brandenburg were being improved. Facilities for changing
 locomotives were being established at the Goettin railroad station.⁵

25X1 7. In early August, [REDACTED] a rail link between the elevated train
 line and the long-distance line was being built in Birkenwerder. This link will
 make it possible for passenger trains to proceed from Schoenflies on the northern
 section of the Berlin railroad circuit to the Birkenwerder-Oranienburg railroad
 line.

25X1 8. The single-track Karow-Wuhleide railroad line, which has too many curves, is to be
 straightened and double-tracked next year. The project involves the construction of
 six new road bridges.⁶

25X1 [REDACTED] the roadbed for the Lietzow-Glowe railroad line was being leveled. The track of the
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25X1 new line has been dismantled except for a stretch extending about 30 meters north of the Lietzow-Sargard highway. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] stocks of rails, ties, small iron fittings, besides heavy bridge girders, were being kept at the disposal of the Railroad Ministry at Glogau.

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10. On 14 August, [redacted] the Gransee-Woltersdorf railroad line would be officially opened on 26 August. On 18 August, source learned that a spur track was being built into the Kurtzschlag area from Vogelsang to establish a railroad connection to the large ammunition dump planned for construction there. From stakes used for the marking of the course of the new spur track, [redacted] [redacted] it will branch off from the line to Vogelsang at km marker 5.1 and extend in a southeasterly direction.

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11. In late July, [redacted] construction work on the Gummritz-Viereck railroad line was being continued. About 6 km of this single-track line had been completed. [redacted] a siding about 800 meters long had been built to the northeast at the Hoppenwalde railroad station on the Eggesin-Ueckermuende railroad line. About 300 meters from the railroad station there was a side-loading ramp about 60 meters long. After 400 meters, the siding branches out in two tracks paralleled by a loading ramp about 400 meters long.

12. The railroad bridge over the Oder River near Kuestrin has been completed. However, the second rail on the bridge has not yet been laid.

13. On 23 August, [redacted] all piers of the railroad viaduct over the Neisse River in Goerlitz had been provided with scaffolds.

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25X1 [redacted] the Kuldenstein power station and the underground transformer station in Koethen are scheduled to be reconstructed by 31 December 1953. The underground transformer station at Luetzschenau near Leipzig will be reconstructed by 30 June 1954. A 60,000 volt line will be laid as far as Koethen and a 100,000 volt line as far as Luetzschenau. The overhead lines between Halle and Magdeburg via Koethen and between Magdeburg and Dessau-Rosslau via Bitterfeld are scheduled to be completed by 31 December 1954. The Leipzig-Bitterfeld and Leipzig-Halle railroad lines will be electrified in the course of 1955.

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1. [redacted] Comment. Information on the construction of the spur track to the WP ammunition dump was transmitted previously. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. This railroad line section belongs to the Westring Berlin, the construction of which is planned for 1954. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. This information refers to the construction of the Nordwestring Berlin, information on which was transmitted previously.

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4. [redacted] Comment. This information refers to the reconstruction of the second track on the Guben-Cottbus-Falkenberg railroad line which is of strategic importance. [redacted]

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[redacted] The completion of the second track on this line is reported for the first time.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The Belzig-Rathenow line is a branch line. [redacted]

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25X1 6. [redacted] Comment. Information on the improvement and the double-tracking of this line section was transmitted previously. [redacted]

25X1 7. [redacted] Comment. Information on the dismantling of this line section in connection with the cancelling of the Ruegen Island project was transmitted previously. [redacted]

25X1 8. [redacted] Comment. Information on the reconstruction of the Grenzsee-Woltersdorf railroad line was transmitted previously. [redacted]. The opening of the line was also announced in the official railroad bulletin "Verfuegungen und Mitteilungen des Ministerium fuer Eisenbahn" issue No 19, 3 September 1953. The construction of a spur track from Vogelsang to Kurtschlag may be connected with the construction of an airfield at Schorfheide.

25X1 9. [redacted] Comment. These projects serve KVP camps and dumps available in this area. [redacted]

25X1 10. [redacted] Comment. For last information on this project [redacted]

25X1 11. [redacted]

25X1 12. [redacted]

25X1 13. [redacted] Comment. All the construction projects mentioned are connected with the intended re-electrification of railroad lines in Central Germany. [redacted]

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